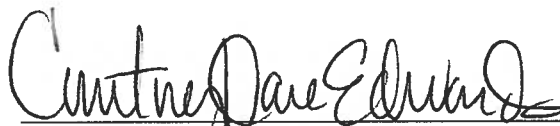


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Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications;) **AS COUNSEL**
and Ernest Communications, Incorporated for)
Approval to Transfer Assets)

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Courtney Dare Edwards gives notice of appearance as counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff in the above-captioned matter. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-4-10 (Supp. 2012), the Office of Regulatory Staff is a party of record in all filings, applications, and proceedings before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Any further information or correspondence filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina should also be served on the undersigned as counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff.



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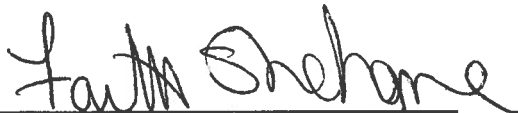
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